

REDEDICATION.

The Congregational Church at St. Johnsbury East Respected Thursday.

It would be difficult to find in a village of the size in all Vermont a church edifice so beautiful and complete in all its appointments as the Congregational meeting house at East St. Johnsbury, which was rededicated Thursday, and the society deserves hearty congratulations on the successful completion of their efforts in repairing the old Third Church of St. Johnsbury. The original building, erected in 1840, remains practically the same as far as the outside is concerned, but the interior has undergone such extensive changes this summer that those familiar with the plain, old-fashioned meeting house of former days would hardly believe that it could be so transformed.

The interior of the building and its furnishings, including the windows, are practically all new. The partition dividing the vestibule from the audience room has been moved about five feet, decreasing the seating capacity of the church, but allowing room in the front of the church for a parlor of good size, from which double doors open into the larger room. The woodwork in the audience room is entirely new and is of selected brown ash, worked and finished in a manner which reflects great credit on George McGinnis and George Bullock, who did the entire carpenter work. The ceiling, and the walls on three sides down to the wainscoting, are of pressed steel of an attractive pattern, decorated in appropriate designs in soft tints, but predominating. The room is newly carpeted, this improvement being the contribution of the Ladies' society. The pews are of oak with elm seats and were purchased of a Michigan firm. They are attractive in appearance, and comfortable and add much to the beauty of the interior. The improvements also include a thorough renovation of the vestry in the basement, a steel ceiling has been put in, the walls refinished and wainscotted with wood from the backs of the old pews, and the kitchen enlarged and improved.

The Memorial Windows.

No improvement in the old church building is of greater value from both an artistic and sentimental standpoint than the seven stained glass memorial windows which perpetuate the memory of early members of the church. The windows are uniform in design, though differing somewhat in color. The largest window is in the front of the building and is the gift of the descendants of the charter members of the church. The list as inscribed on the windows are: Candace Harrington, Blinn, Maria A. Bullock, Mrs. Eli Dickerman, Mrs. Leonard Harrington, Mrs. Moses Hill, Asa C. L. C., Orpha Stiles Lee, Isabel Johnson Lee, John Lee, Lydia Blake Lee, Calvin Morrill, Sophronia Lee Morrill, Harriet Morrill, Ebenezer Severance, Rebecca Chandler Severance, Quartus M. Severance, Lydia Lee Stone, Almira Aldrich Works, Mrs. Emerson Wright.

On the south side of the church, beginning at the door the windows are inscribed as follows:

In memory of L. B. and Mrs. N. H. Harrington and family.

The second: In memory of Deacon Luther and Abigail Wood.

The third: In memory of Deacon Franklin Griswold.

On the north side, the first window is inscribed:

In memory of Deacon Jacob G. Hovey.

The second: In memory of Sullivan Ranney, Mary Hovey Ranney.

The third: In grateful recognition of the lives and services of the clergy, contains the names of every pastor of the church from the beginning. This window is the gift of Julius A. Morrill of Springfield, Mass., and the others were presented by members of the families represented. Over the pulpit is a beautiful stained glass window representing Christ in Gethsemane, and in the front of the church there is a smaller window in memory of Harold Guss Knapp, son of H. M. Knapp, who died in 1899.

The pulpit seat including pulpit, chairs and communion table were principally the gift of the Lee family. The largest single gift made to the church was a new furnace and equipment which was installed at a cost of \$175, which amount was entirely paid by a member of the church who stipulated that the name of the giver should be withheld.

The committee in charge of the repairs consisted of Henry Severance, Charles Owens, Mark L. Hovey, Rev. E. E. Grant and L. W. Fisher, but all unite in giving Mr. Grant credit for the major part of the work accomplished. When he came to the church as acting pastor last year, he found it in great need of repairs and soon determined to make a beginning before making his intentions public by securing pledges for a considerable amount and then the work was taken up in earnest. The responses to appeals for money were more numerous and generous than were dreamed of in the beginning, and instead of \$1,200, which conservative members placed as the largest amount that could possibly be raised, \$2,200 in money and about \$200 in work was contributed and this covers the amount expended and the society is out of debt. Former members of the church and congregation and descendants of former members from many parts of the country sent generous contributions to aid the old church in its enterprise.

The Dedication Services.

Thursday, the day chosen for the rededication, was an ideal one, and everything passed off in splendid shape. Rev. E. E. Grant presided at both the morning and evening services. In the afternoon the regular quartette of the church,

consisting of Miss Myrtle M. Hovey, Miss Mabel O. Handy, E. P. Potbury, Henry F. Griswold, with Mrs. H. F. Griswold as organist, sang the dedication hymn, "A Hail, O Lord, into Thy Rest," and "I was glad when they said unto me." Prayer was offered by Rev. E. M. Chapman, of the North church, St. Johnsbury, and the speakers were Mr. Chapman and Rev. Joshua M. Frost of Grace Methodist church, St. Johnsbury. The former spoke on "The Church in Village Life," and the latter on "The Church in the Spiritual Life." Both addresses were forcible and eloquent and were closely listened to by the large audience present. An interesting feature of the afternoon was the historical paper prepared and read by Rev. Mr. Grant, the major part of which is given below:

Mr. Grant's Historical Paper.

There are available to us three sources from which we may draw our information concerning the past of this church. First, there is the tradition; second, the history written by Mrs. Nathaniel Lee, one of the charter members; third, the records of the church and society.

Previous to 1840 the Methodist people held meetings in this village a portion of the time. They were supplied by their conference, but this amounted to little more than an occasional preaching service. The Methodist organization continued until about twenty-five years ago. Besides the services held by the Methodists, the pastors of the First church and of the Second church, now the Center church and the North church, held alternate Sunday evening services. Mrs. Lee mentions the fact that in those days they had preaching at half-past ten in the morning, Sunday school following the morning service; then a sermon in the afternoon and a lecture in the evening at 5 o'clock. The custom of holding forenoon and afternoon services was discontinued during the pastorate of the Rev. J. P. Humphrey. A descendant of one of the original members told me that she remembers what Mr. Humphrey said with reference to the discontinuing the afternoon service. He said that of course it would make it easier for him but he felt that it would be detrimental to the morals of the people, for what would the people do with their time. And she remarked to me that she had often thought of his words when she saw so many Sunday excursions and so much Sunday riding. Mrs. Lee also says that the site where the church now stands was not a resident of the place at the time, groups of them would walk three miles to hear these men preach and returning home express themselves well paid. The six miles walk would be too difficult a feat for the modern dandy.

The frequent interruptions in the services led to the discussion of the situation, and the question was raised as to the advisability of building a meeting house. Meetings were called from time to time and finally a decision was reached that they would build a Congregational meeting house. The house was built on the site where it now stands. Alpheus Wright was the master workman and Nathaniel Lee his helper. The church was built during the summer of 1840 and was completed in the autumn. A few years later the church was raised and a vestry put under it. The vestry was intended for a school room and Rev. Mr. Gurney kept a select school. Just what year this was done I have not been able to learn; but I infer that it was about twenty years later; for July 2, 1862, there is an entry on the records that a meeting of the church was called in the vestry. Previous to that date whenever a meeting was called, it was in the meeting house. Tradition places it about the same time. No more extensive work was done on the church until the year 1870. March 25, 1870, a meeting was called at 6 o'clock to see what measures would be taken towards repairing the meeting house. A committee appointed to look into the matter of the expense reported that it would cost \$500 to repair the foundation all around, and the other repairs would cost \$500. The society voted to make said repairs to not exceed \$1,000. At a meeting called on February 11, 1871, a report of the repair committee was given; and it was reported that the whole cost of the repairs had amounted to \$1,597.91, leaving the society \$405.00 in debt. This extra cost came, partially, at least, because of an accident. A staging had been put up in this room for some purpose and because of some defect in the building of it the scaffold came down during the night and crushed the seats and benches. Thus the society was compelled to secure new pews. These pews were the ones that we took out this summer. Some thought that one of the workmen purposely so constructed the staging that the scaffold would fall. No more extensive repairs have ever been undertaken, until this present summer, work may be seen and so not necessary to be talked about.

Mrs. Lee, in her history of the church, speaking of the dedication says that "those exercises were solemn and impressive. The pulpit, the pews, the singing, the gallery, the walls, were solemnly dedicated to the worship of a pure and holy God." This took place November 24, 1840. The house was rededicated again after the repairs of 1871. And we have come together for the same purpose today. With the new meeting house must come also the church organization. Accordingly letters missive were sent out dated October 25, 1840, which were as follows: "The undersigned and others being members of different Congregational churches and residing in and near the East Village in St. Johnsbury respectfully represent that there is no Congregational church in this village, and that it has been deemed best by ourselves and by other Christian friends whose council we have sought, greatly to be desired for the cause of true religion that such a church should be established here, and the public worship of God and the ordinances of the house of Christ maintained. The undersigned therefore, after much prayer and consideration, have deemed it their duty to be gathered into a new church according to scripture order and usages of the Congregational church. We therefore invite your attendance in council, by pastor and delegate, on the 24th day of November next, at two o'clock p. m., at the new meeting house in this village to advise and assist in the organization of the church proposed."

The churches invited were Danville, Littleton, N. H., Waterford, Concord, Kroy, Lyndon, St. Johnsbury Center and St. Johnsbury North. There is appended to the letter this statement: "I hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original letter missive sent to all the churches therein mentioned, signed by all the male members, and a part of the female members. Attest, Calvin Morrill, clerk."

Pursuant to letters missive the council convened and organized the church. So much time was used up in inquiring into the advisability of organizing this church, and the examination of the candidates that the afternoon was used up, and it was voted to adjourn to meet the next morning at 9:30, at Bro. Morrill's, to complete the exercises. Mrs. Lee says that there were only 19 members proposed for membership. The records says 20. She may have been modest and did not count herself. The names of those who united with the church were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Ebenezer Severance, Mr. and Mrs. Quartus Severance, Miss Mariah A. Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. John Lee, Mrs. Nathaniel Lee, Mrs. James Works, Mrs. Moses Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Morrill, Mrs. Nathan Stone, Mrs. Leonard Harrington, Mrs. Emerson Wright, Mrs. Charles Blynn, Mr. and Mrs. Asa C. Lee, Mrs. Eli Dickerman, Mrs. Harriet Morrill.

Then as now the ladies were in the majority. The newly organized church adopted articles of faith and covenant which have remained unchanged to this day. Let those churches who think that a changed creed will bring new additions, note that all through these years this church has lived and prospered without remodeling creed or covenant. Into covenant relations have come during these years 350 persons, making in all 370 who have taken the vows and obligations of this church, one for every communion service. Truly is this not apostasy, but a true church. There have been but few great awakenings, the most notable among them all is the revival during the pastorate of Mr. Humphrey, when at one time 40 were received into the church upon confession of faith. Many of them are still alive and active in the church work. That revival took place about 1870, at a time when the revival spirit was abroad in the land. The church has had during the time seven installed pastors to break the bread of life: Rufus Cass from 1842-1849, John H. Gurney, 1850-1855, May 6, 1855, is the last entry on the records until November 20, 1857, when it was voted to extend a call to Rev. John Bowers, who served the church from 1858-1863, William Baldwin, 1864-1866, September 2, 1866, Mr. Baldwin asked for dismission from the pastoral relations which I suppose was granted, but there is no record of it. The reason for these long periods when there are no entries is from the fact in those days the pastor was usually clerk and when the pastor was out, the records were not kept. Next came Rev. J. P. Humphrey. The memories of him still linger with the people though thirty years have rolled away. Rev. S. J. Humphrey, a brother of J. P. Humphrey, sent me a small gift for our lamps to freshen that memory and to help keep it alive. Mr. Humphrey's pastorate was the longest of any from 1868-1878. Rev. F. B. Phelps, 1879-1883.

For the next ten years the church had no installed pastor. There were four acting pastors during this time: Rev. J. N. Walker, 1884-1886, Rev. J. F. Whitney, 1886-1888, Rev. B. S. Adams commenced his work April, 1889, and closed with his pastoring, January 2, 1891. He left as his parting word to the church, "Tell me I love the church of Christ, and if I had a thousand lives to live they should all be given to his service." Rev. Arthur Hertel was called April, 1891, and resigned September 5, 1892. Rev. M. C. Henderson, one of another denomination, served the church for nearly two years very acceptably and was much loved by the people. Rev. G. O. Patterson was called March, 1893, installed in 1894, and closed his labors in 1901.

There has been only one ordination service in the church during all these years. That was somewhat peculiar perhaps. There was a double purpose of calling the council. For the purpose of dismissing the Rev. Rufus Cass and the ordination of John H. Gurney. Whether the matter was forced or not I am not able to say. But it was very suggestive to me. By the kindness of Brother Patterson I came here to supply the pulpit before he had completed his work. And when he was done my work commenced. What was my amusement to see under the date of August 17, 1900, Congregationalist, Vermont news, this editorial, "Better bid a weep."

"Engaging a successor before the old pastor is off, as some churches have done recently, may show more enterprise than consideration. If the relation is of the nature of entertaining guests, it might be well. But it is rather of the analogy of the marriage relation, as old time ideas favored, a fitting delay would be seemly."

This church has never paid a salary, \$700 being the amount ever paid. There is an entry in the records of the society under date of 1879, it is a record of a vote taken, by the society to extend a call to Rev. F. B. Phelps to settle as pastor on salary of \$700. The lowest salary per year was \$400. There is an interesting entry dated 1864, June 8. A vote to call Rev. William Baldwin to become pastor of this church on a salary of five hundred dollars and 1 parsonage and a donation of \$1,000 pledged by the church and society as long as the present high prices remain."

This church has always stood squarely upon moral issues. The church has never by practice nor consent been agreeable to the use of ardent spirits, nor in the decoration of the Lord's day.

The church adopted these resolutions September 4, 1841, less than one year after its organization. "Whereas: There is a difference of practice in the reception of members from other churches and a difference of opinion among religious persons as to the expediency and use of alcoholic drinks and traveling on the Lord's day; we do adopt the following resolutions as expressive of our views and as a rule of our action.

Resolved: That we receive by examination into the grounds of the religious hope (in addition to letters of recommendation) all who offer themselves for admission to our numbers from other churches.

Resolved: That all travel on the Lord's day in transaction of ordinary secular business and the use of, and traffic in, ardent spirits are a violation of Christian duty and as such shall be considered censurable offenses by the church.

"This church has never been without its friends. It would be difficult for me to select among the army of those who have labored for the cause of Christ here, those who have loved the church most. Neither would it be for me to extol one above another. Mrs. Lee speaks of the kindness of the Fairbanks family, so abundantly heard in the early days of the church. Dea. Erastus Fairbanks, since Gov. Fairbanks, was constantly on hand to assist with words of wise counsel and financial help. We still have in our possession the first pulpit, a gift of Thaddeus Fairbanks. The communion set, which we still use, was the gift of Horace Fairbanks. Mrs. Calvin Morrill wrote a history of the church, which was published in the St. Johnsbury Caledonian. The Bible you now see on the desk before me was a gift of R. B. Graves. I think that these are all the worth extended history. But today I could go through the house and point out object after object that was given. And I could name to you scores of those who have given out of their bounty and out of their poverty. These gifts have ranged from \$170 down to one cent. God's blessing on the boy who thought that perhaps one cent would help. The boy was Harold Olcott. The next gift in point of smallness was 16 cents and came from Carl Hovey. May have been smile upon him, too. But what has been worth more than all this has been to see how the hearts of the people were twined about this historical structure and how they desired its prosperity. When Mrs. E. B. Welch sent me a gift of \$100 all the way from Grant's Pass, Oregon, she sent with it her prayers for myself, and for the church she remembered with much love.

Not long after the church was built as I have been led to understand it the senior deacon of this church, Ebenezer Severance, was stricken with fatal disease, and the time of his end drew near. At the same time the communion season was at hand, and he expressed a strong desire to meet the people for that occasion. It was thought imprudent for him to travel four miles, but his entreaties prevailed. And to the surprise of many he was brought to the church. Two persons were required to assist him from the carriage into the church, and to a seat near the platform prepared for him. As the people passed he would give his hand, but could speak only in a whisper. With trembling hand he received the emblems of a Saviour's dying love from those who had loved of old in those comforting words: "Him that overcometh I will make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out, and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God which is New Jerusalem."

At 5 o'clock the ladies of the church served a bountiful supper in the vestry. At the evening service the church was completely filled, and the meeting was of unusual interest. The exercises opened with an organ voluntary by Miss Mabel O. Handy, the regular quartet led the congregation in singing two hymns and a boys' quartet consisting of Will I. Wood, Clarence G. Wood, Will C. Hovey and Russell Griswold sang "The House of the Lord." The dedication prayer was by Rev. P. B. Fisk of St. Johnsbury Center, and the sermon by Rev. Smith Baker, D. D., pastor of the Williston church, Portland, Me. Dr. Baker spoke on the church in its various relations to life and his address was an exceptionally strong and eloquent plea for the church as a place for religious instruction, as a religious home and as a training school.

Many came from surrounding towns to attend the services, and there were some visitors from a distance. Following is a partial list of the visitors: Mrs. Elmore Chase, Fair Oaks, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Morrill, Springfield, Mass.; Mrs. Ezra Pierce, South Britain, Conn.; Mrs. R. S. Stark, Glover; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Stone, St. Johnsbury Center; Charles Ranney, Danville; Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Hovey, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Harris, Mrs. Morrison, Miss Eliza Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Blodgett, Waterford; Rev. Mr. Granger, Mrs. Fred Brewer, Mr. Ernest Lee, Mrs. Jennie and Nellie Ranney, Mr. John Sargent, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forsythe and Dan Burroughs, West Concord; Mrs. J. G. Hovey, Mrs. M. J. Hovey, Mrs. John N. Gale, Capt. Edward F. Griswold, George Ranney, William A. Little, Mrs. Carrie Orcutt, Rev. Dr. Edward T. Fairbanks, Rev. Dr. S. G. Barnes, E. A. Sibley, T. M. Howard and John O. Hale, St. Johnsbury.

At the recent annual meeting of the Old Pine Golf Club the following officers were elected: Pres., F. H. Brooks. Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. W. Blodgett. Sec'y and Treas., J. H. Brooks. Directors, F. H. Brooks, Mrs. H. W. Blodgett, J. H. Brooks, C. H. Dempsey, E. N. Carter, Mrs. E. H. Ross, Miss Helen C. Stevens. The directors have appointed the following committees: Greens committee, H. W. Blodgett, C. H. Dempsey, J. E. Borland, E. N. Carter, C. G. Braley. Membership committee, F. H. Brooks, Warren Peck, C. H. Horton, Miss Stevens, Mrs. Laura N. Hazen. House Committee, F. H. Brooks, E. A. Sibley, Miss Paddock, Miss Peabody, Miss Patterson. Management Committee, A. G. Sprague, N. C. Sibley, E. H. Ross. Auditors, E. M. Chapman, R. C. Baker, Miss Mary Ide. In the annual championship tournament the results were as follows:

LADIES—FIRST ROUND.

Miss Sprague beat Miss Paddock 1 up 7 to 1.

Mrs. Ross beat Miss Sprague by default.

Miss Patterson beat Miss Merrill by default.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

Mrs. Ross beat Miss Sprague 9 up 7 to 1.

Miss Patterson beat Miss Merrill by default.

FINALS (36 holes).

Miss Patterson beat Mrs. Ross, 10 up, 9 to play.

GENTLEMEN—PRELIMINARY ROUND.

Dempsey beat Chapman 6 up, 4 to play.

Sprague beat Carter 7 up.

FIRST ROUND.

Peck beat Ross 3 up.

Dempsey beat Stiles 2 up.

F. H. Brooks beat Sprague 2 up.

Boynton beat J. H. Brooks, 4 up.

SEMI-FINAL ROUND.

Dempsey beat Peck 2 up.

Boynton beat Brooks 3 up.

The finals (36 holes) between Dempsey and Boynton are not finished. The winner of this match holds the president's cup for the coming year.

Death of B. G. Corser.

The announcement of the death of Brackett G. Corser, which occurred at his home in Brattleboro September 26, will be received with regret by many who knew him during his residence in St. Johnsbury. He was stricken about 9 o'clock in the evening with acute indigestion and died in less than an hour.

Mr. Corser was born in Bristol, N. H., September 5, 1841, and his early life was spent in his native state. He learned the tailor's trade and later came to St. Johnsbury, where he conducted a merchant's tailoring establishment for several years in the store now occupied by George Ranney. Afterwards he went into the railway mail service, then entered an overalls factory at Lebanon, going from there to St. Albans where he was for several years superintendent of the Willard Manufacturing Co. He went to Brattleboro about 12 years ago and engaged in the manufacture of overalls and other garments with George W. Hidden. Two years later he left the firm and engaged in the same business with the late Col. George Hooker and W. C. Mitchell. The firm employs about 200 hands and has a branch house in Chicago, of which Mr. Corser has had charge, spending a portion of his time in that city. Forty years ago Mr. Corser married Mary J. Hyde of Plainfield, N. H. Recently they celebrated their wedding anniversary in a quiet way. Mrs. Corser survives with three children, William and Leroy Corser of Brattleboro and Mrs. J. L. Snyder of Stockbridge, Mass. Mr. Corser also leaves a brother, Norman D. Corser of Salt Lake City, Utah, and a sister, Mrs. M. M. Shear of Burlington. Mr. Corser, says the Phoenix, was one of the substantial business men of Brattleboro and was held in high esteem. He had a rare faculty of pleasing his customers and winning their confidence. As a salesman he had few, if any, superiors. He devoted much time and study to improving the product of the firm and as a result of his inventive genius the firm holds several valuable patents on work coats and overalls.

At Summerville.

Henry Wallace jammed his feet in the turn table at the round house a few days ago and is taking an enforced vacation in consequence.

Mrs. John Graves of Waitsfield has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Myrtle Craig of Pendham visited at G. P. Metcalf's last week.

Letter carrier John H. Moore went to Washington last week on the G. A. R. excursion.

John Smith has moved from Elm street to the Livingston house on Parker avenue.

Thomas Cable has shown signs of mental derangement for some time past, and yesterday he was taken to the Waterbury asylum for treatment.

William Larma with Mrs. Larma and their daughter have moved to Lisbon. The tenement in H. B. Carpenter's house vacated by them will be occupied by Mrs. Solomon.

Mrs. W. T. McLam, of Ryegate, spent several days last week with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence P. Leach, and Lloyd McLam of Lancaster spent Sunday here.

Miss Stuart Entertains.

Miss Edna A. Stuart gave a delightful dinner party to the young men in her South church Sunday School class and their mothers, at her rooms in South hall Friday evening. Miss Lucy Merrill and Andrew B. Moore assisted in serving the dinner and the company was entertained with songs by Andrew B. Moore and readings by Miss Helen Hall. Mr. Dildwo Two, the young Librarian who is a student at the academy, gave a highly interesting talk on recollections of his life in Liberia and his journey to this country. Eighteen were present.

East St. Johnsbury.

Miss Gertrude Tracy of Belle Plaine, Iowa, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gaskill.

L. W. Fisher is in Washington, D. C., attending the soldiers' reunion.

W. A. Astle has gone to work in Fairbanks Scale Shops upon his old job in the machine department.

Mrs. M. P. Woods is in Hardwick.

Mrs. E. E. Grant's health continues to be in very bad condition.

Several families enjoyed a picnic at Concord Corner pond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Russell were called to Lyndonville recently on account of the funeral of Mrs. Samuel Russell.

Many were shocked to hear of the death of Gen. W. W. Groat which occurred Tuesday morning at his home near this village.

Church Notes.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Odd Fellows' hall, Sunday morning service at 10:45. Subject, "Doctrine of Atonement." Sunday school following the morning service. Wednesday evening meeting at 7:30. The reading room is open on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5.

The Ladies' Circle of the Universalist church will meet with Mrs. Pool Friday afternoon at 2:30 instead of Thursday as usual. As this is the annual meeting all are urged to be present. A Circle supper will be served at 6 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Dutton will speak at the Free Baptist church Sunday night upon "Fording a Stream."

At the Church of the Messiah next Sunday the pastor will preach as usual. Topic, "Watchman, what of the Night?"

At the Grace Methodist church next Sunday, the pastor's morning theme will be "Breaking up the Fallow Ground," and the evening theme, "Anarchy."

Next Sunday will be observed as rally day at the Free Baptist Sunday school.

The first sociable of the season will be held at the North church Friday evening. Supper will be served in the parlors followed by a choice program of music and readings in the chapel.

The evening services at the North church next Sunday will be a special musical service in the course of which Gounod's "Gallia" will be sung.

The following officers of the newly organized Young People's Guild of the North church have been chosen:

President, Rev. E. M. Chapman. Vice President, Arthur G. Sprague. Secretary, Miss Alice Ricker.

Treasurer, Carroll P. Barney. Chairman of Committee on Services, Miss Alice Warden; on Membership, John F. Puffer; on Good Fellowship, Miss Sadie Cameron; on Ways and Means, C. P. Barney.

The pastor's subject for next Sunday at 10 o'clock in the Advent Christian church will be "The appointed day of judgment." At 6:30 p. m. there will be a praise and prayer service.

Foot Ball Games.

On Saturday, Thetford Academy defeated St. J. A. on the gridiron by a score of 11 to 5. This was the first game of the season for both teams and St. J. A. lost on account of its lack of team play. Next Friday at 3:30 the Brigham Academy team will line up against the Academy boys. A coach has been obtained for this week and the numerous changes in the lineup will cause the game Friday to be a close contest.

Parade by the United States Band.

The St. Johnsbury Band will meet the United States Band at the station Thursday afternoon on the arrival of the train from Burlington and act as escort during the parade which will be over the following streets: Railroad to Maple, Pearl to Eastern avenue, Main to Church, Summer to Central, thence to Howe Opera House. The St. Johnsbury Band will give a concert at the Railroad street band stand from 1:30 until the arrival of the train.

Probate of Will.

CHASTINA T. MORRILL'S ESTATE. STATE OF VERMONT, Caledonia district, ss. In Probate Court, held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury, within and for said district, on the 2nd day of October, A. D. 1902.

An instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Chastina T. Morrill, late of Danville in said district, deceased, being presented to court by Charles D. Brainerd, the Executor therein named, for probate. It is ordered by said Court that all persons concerned therein be notified to appear at a session of said Court to be held at the Probate Office in St. Johnsbury on the 25th day of Oct., A. D. 1902, and show cause if any they may have, against the probate of said will; for which purpose it is further ordered that a copy of the record of this order be published three weeks successively in the Caledonian printed at St. Johnsbury previous to said time appointed for hearing.

By the Court, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

A true copy of record, Attest: WALTER P. SMITH, Judge.

Bankruptcy Notice.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF VERMONT. In the matter of Louis Greenwood, [In Bankruptcy].

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of September, A. D. 1902, the said Louis Greenwood was duly adjudged a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at my office in St. Johnsbury, in said district, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1902, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

MARSHALL MONTGOMERY, Referee in Bankruptcy, St. Johnsbury, Vt., Oct. 3, 1902.

Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, and known as the St. Johnsbury Machine Company, is hereby dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be conducted under the name of the St. Johnsbury Machine Co., with John B. Guild sole owner. Mr. McCutcheon, having sold his interest to Mr. Guild, will not be responsible for any debts, dues or demands that now exist against said firm, or that may be contracted after this date.

P. J. MCCUTCHEON, J. B. GUILD, St. Johnsbury, Vt., Oct. 1, 1902.

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